

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Media corporations should NOT be allowed to broadcast programs that contain one-sided criticisms of a given politician without giving that politician "equal time" to respond to the program.

Media corporations should also NOT be allowed to broadcast programs that contain one-sided praise of a given politician without giving that politician's opponents "equal time" to respond to the program.

Please stop Sinclair's BLATANT attempt to affect the outcome of this year's Presidential election through its power to force its stations to broadcast a blatantly biased partisan political program.

Thank you.